

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND FLOODING RICE FIELDS

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RELEASED: June 7,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures were above normal for most the state with most areas having below normal rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 5.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting row crops, harvesting wheat, oats, and hay, flooding rice fields, irrigating corn, and fertilizing corn, rice, and pasture.

CROPS: Planting of rice, cotton, soybeans, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Herbicides were being applied rice to fields and insecticides to cotton for thrips. Tomato harvest has began.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	2	41	51	6
Planted	97	96	97					
Emerged	95	93	93					
COTTON				0	2	33	57	8
Planted	100	100	100					
Emerged	99	98	95					
Squaring	4	8	8					
RICE				0	1	26	50	23
Planted	100	100	100					
Emerged	96	90	94					
SOYBEANS				0	2	35	54	9
Planted	60	63	60					
Emerged	46	50	45					
Blooming	1	3	NA					
CORN				0	1	33	50	16
Emerged	96	99	NA					
WHEAT				1	2	14	56	27
Harvested	10	27	12					
OATS				0	5	22	42	31
Harvested	35	37	NA					
ALFALFA				0	0	24	71	5
OTH. HAY				0	4	30	56	10
PASTURE				0	4	29	56	11

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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